French 4100 / Spring 2006 / Foucault and Biopower / TTh 3:10 - 4:30 / 424 Hodges John

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TEXTS

Discipline and Punish

History of Sexuality, volume 1

"Society Must Be Defended": Lectures at the Collège de France, 1975-76

Essential Works of Foucault, volume 1: Ethics Essential Works of Foucault, volume 3: Power

ASSIGNMENTS

UNDERGRADUATES:

Attendance and participation (10%)

Mid-term examination (in class) (25%)

5 minute individual presentation (5%)

Response portfolio (5%)

Term paper (exposition) (30% = 10% rough draft + 20% final draft)

Final examination (in class) (25%) TH 11 MAY: 12:30 – 2:30 424 HODGES

GRADUATE STUDENTS:

Attendance and participation (10%)

Short paper (exposition) (25%)

10 minute individual presentation (20%)

Response portfolio (5%)

Term paper (thesis / argument) (40% = 10% rough draft + 30% final draft)

DETAILS

"Attendance and participation" means that you come to every class alert, with the readings done, and prepared to ask questions. If no one comes forward with questions, I may call upon you to pose a question to the class. A good question is clearly focused and moves the discussion forward. You can also demonstrate preparedness by bringing in a website URL and being able to explain why it's relevant to the day's readings.

"Exposition" means that you are to put forth (ex – posit) Foucault's ideas, in your own words, that is, without paraphrase, as clearly and carefully as possible. You will be responsible for organizing and explaining a key term or concept or argument in Foucault's work relevant to our topic. Organization and clarity are also the criteria I'll use in grading the examinations.

A "response portfolio" is a collection of 150 word abstracts (concrete summaries) of another person's presentation, plus a question to the presenter. Do one for each of the other students. Hand in a hard copy to me, and email a copy to each presenter.

For the term papers, prior to the rough draft, you will have to hand in a series of assignments, as noted on the schedule: (1) a topic statement; (2) an annotated bibliography; (3) an outline; and (4) a thesis statement (if applicable). These will be graded on a check / check-plus / check-minus system. That means that if you get a check-minus you will have to redo the exercise before moving on to the next step.

KEY to schedule: All works are by Foucault unless otherwise noted

INTRODUCTORY MATERIALS AND OVERVIEWS:

- 1. Protevi, "Short Foucault Biography," http://www.protevi.com/john/Foucault/

- 4. Protevi, "Reading Foucault" " " " " " " " " " " " "
- 5. Arnold Davidson, "Introduction" to *Power* volume
- 6. "The Subject and Power" (1982) Power 326-48; DE2 1041-62

BOOKS

- 7. Discipline and Punish (1975)
- 8. History of Sexuality, vol 1 (1976)
- 9. "Society Must Be Defended" (1976)

ESSAYS AND INTERVIEWS

- 10. "Truth and Power" (1976): Power 111-33; DE2 140-60
- 11. "Politics of Health in 18th C" (1976): *Power* 90-105; *DE2* 13-27
- 12. "Birth of Social Medicine (1977): Power 134-56; DE2 207-28
- 13. "Security, Territory, Population" (1978): Ethics 67-71; DE2 719-23
- 14. "Governmentality" (1977): Power 201-22; DE2 635-57
- 15. "Omnes et Singulatim" (1979): Power 298-325; DE2 953-80
- 16. "Birth of Biopolitics" (1979): Ethics 73-9; DE2 818-25
- 17. "Risks of Security" (1983): Power 365-81; DE2 1186-1202
- 18. "Friendship as a Way of Life" (1981): Ethics 135-40: DE2 982-87
- 19. "Social Triumph of Sexual Will" (1982): Ethics 157-62; DE2 1127-33
- 20. "Sex, Power& Politics of Identity" ('82): Ethics 163-73; DE2 1554-65

SCHEDULE

T 17 Jan: Introduction Th 19 Jan: Readings 1-2

T 24 Jan: Readings 3-4 Th 26 Jan: Readings 5-6

T 31 Jan: Reading 7, Part One Th 2 Feb: Reading 7, Part Two T 7 Feb: Reading 7, Part Three Th 9 Feb: Reading 7, Part Four

T 14 Feb: Reading 8, Parts One and Two

Th 16 Feb: Reading 8, Parts Three and Four // topic statements due

T 21 Feb: Reading 8, Part Five

Th 23 Feb: Undergrads (midterm exam in class) / Grads: short paper due

T 28 Feb: MARDI GRAS

Th 2 Mar: Reading 9, lectures 1-4

T 7 Mar: Reading 9, lectures 5-6 // annotated bibliographies due

Th 9 Mar: Reading 9, lectures 7-8

T 14 Mar: Reading 9, lectures 9-11 Th 16 Mar: Independent Research

T 21 Mar: Reading 10 // outlines due

Th 23 Mar: Reading 11

T 28 Mar: Reading 12 Th 30 Mar: Reading 13-14

T 4 April: Reading 15

Th 6 April: Independent Research // Rough drafts due to my mailbox (416 Hodges)

T 11 April: Spring Break Th 13 April: Spring Break

T 18 April: Reading 16-17 // Rough drafts returned

Th 20 April: Reading 18-20

T 25 April: Presentations Th 27 April: Presentations

T 2 May: Presentations Th 4 May: Presentations

TERM PAPERS and RESPONSE PORTFOLIOS due at beginning of Final Exam (Thursday 11 May, 12:30)